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SUBJECT: CDU FRAKTION ELECTS OFFICERS FOR THE 8TH FRG  
BUNDESTAG

BEGIN SUMMARY: ON DECEMBER 1, HELMUT KOHL WAS ELECTED  
CDU FRAKTION CHAIRMAN, BUT THE UNION PARTY DELAYED THE  
ELECTION FOR OTHER FRAKTION OFFICERS IN THE HOPE THAT A  
JOINT FRAKTION WITH THE CSU IN THE 8TH BUNDESTAG COULD  
BE NEGOTIATED. AFTER THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR A JOINT  
FRAKTION BROKE DOWN ON DECEMBER 6, THE CDU FRAKTION  
MET THE NEXT DAY TO ELECT THE OTHER OFFICERS. END OF  
SUMMARY.

1. THE CDU WILL NOMINATE (WHICH WILL BE PARAMOUNT TO  
ELECTION) RICHARD VON WEIZSAECKER AND RAINER BARZEL AS  
BUNDESTAG VICE PRESIDENTS AND KARL CARSTENS AS CHAIRMAN  
OF THE FOREIGN POLICY COMMITTEE, SUCCEEDING GERHARD  
SCHROEDER

2. THE NUMBER OF DEPUTY CHAIRMEN HAS BEEN INCREASED  
FROM SIX TO SEVEN. IN DESCENDING ORDER BY THE NUMBER  
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OF VOTES THEY RECEIVED THEY ARE:

PROFESSOR DR. KARL CARSTENS (FOREIGN AFFAIRS)  
DR. ALFRED DREGGER (DOMESTIC AFFAIRS)  
DR. BURKHARD RITZ (AGRICULTURE)  
HEINRICH WINDELEN (REFUGEES AND CONTACTS TO ORGANIZA-  
TIONS)  
DR. WALTER WALLMANN (FEDERAL LAENDER RELATIONS, CONTACTS  
WITH CSU)  
HANS KATZER (LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS)  
FRAU HELGA WEX (WOMEN'S AFFAIRS).

3. THE NUMBER OF PARTY WHIPS WAS REDUCED FROM FIVE TO  
TWO. THEY ARE:  
DR. PHILIPP JENNINGER (CONTACTS WITH THE OTHER BUNDESTAG  
GROUPS AND BUNDESTAG STEERING COMMITTEE)  
WILHELM RAWE (INTERNAL AFFAIRS).

4. IN ADDITION, THE CDU FRAKTION ELECTED SIX CHAIRMEN  
OF THE VARIOUS STUDY GROUPS. THEY ARE:  
FRIEDRICH VOGEL, STUDY GROUP NO. 1: LEGAL AND INTERNAL  
AFFAIRS  
ELMAR PIEROTH, STUDY GROUP NO. 2: ECONOMICS  
DR. HANSJOERG HAEFELE, STUDY GROUP NO. 3: FINANCE AND  
TAXES  
HEINRICH FRANKE, STUDY GROUP NO. 4: LABOR AND SOCIAL  
AFFAIRS  
DR. WERNER MARX, STUDY GROUP NO. 5: FOREIGN AFFAIRS,  
INNER-GERMAN RELATIONS, DEFENSE  
ANTON PFEIFER, STUDY GROUP NO. 6: EDUCATION AND SCIENCE.

5. THE LEGAL ADVISOR OF THE FRAKTION WILL BE PROFESSOR  
PAUL MIKAT.

6. COMMENT: OF THE SEVEN DEPUTY CHAIRMEN FOUR ARE  
RIGHT-WING (CARSTENS, DREGGER, WALLMANN, AND WINDELEN),  
ONE IS A LEFT-WINGER (KATZER) AND TWO ARE CONSIDERED  
MEMBERS OF THE CENTER (RITZ AND FRAU WEX). IT IS NOT  
CLEAR YET IF THE NOMINATION OF THE TWO OF THE MORE  
LIBERAL CDU POLITICIANS, VON WEIZSAECKER AND BARZEL,  
AS BUNDESTAG VICE PRESIDENTS WILL REDUCE THEIR INFLUENCE  
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WITHIN THE FRAKTION.

THE RELATIVE STRENGTH OF THE VARIOUS POLITICAL GROUPS  
IN THE VORSTAND REFLECTS THE GENERAL BALANCE OF FORCES  
WITHIN THE FRAKTION. THE CDU FRAKTION IN THE 8TH  
BUNDESTAG, AS IN THE 7TH BUNDESTAG, IS SOMEWHAT MORE  
CONSERVATIVE THAN THE CDU PARTY EXECUTIVE BOARD OR THE  
PARTY IN GENERAL.

7. IN THE LAST SESSION OF THE 7TH BUNDESTAG ON  
DECEMBER 8, WHICH WAS ALSO THE LAST JOINT FRAKTION  
MEETING, THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO UNION PARTIES  
PROJECTED AN IMAGE OF HARMONY AND FRIENDSHIP, AN IMAGE  
WHICH IS NOT LIKELY TO SURVIVE INTACT TO THE 8TH BUNDES-  
TAG LEGISLATIVE PERIOD.  
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